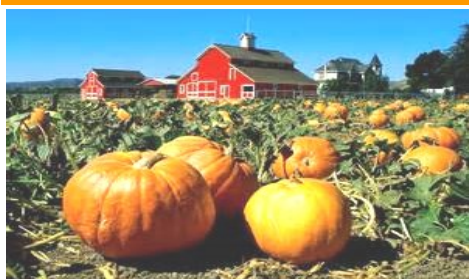


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# YORK SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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*"Only rarely have we stood back and  
celebrated our soils as something beautiful  
and perhaps even mysterious."*

*... Les Molloy*

## Conservation Poster Contest Theme: "Dig Deeper— Mysteries in the Soil"

Soil is an amazing substance! It is made of minerals, air, water, and organic matter and is host to a vast community of living organisms including bacteria, fungi, nematodes, earthworms, insects, spiders and other arthropods. The complex soil ecosystem is essential to life!

The Conservation District invites students to dig deeper into the subject of soils to discover what mysteries may lurk beneath the soil's surface. Then, share the knowledge with the world in the form of a poster.



The Conservation Poster Contest is open to public, private and home-schooled students in grades K—8 in York County. Posters will be judged in four grade categories with a \$25 first place prize in each. Winning posters will be submitted for judging at the state level with additional opportunity for prizes. For complete rules and entry form, please contact the York Soil & Water Conservation District by phone or email.



# FALL 2014 York Soil & Water Conservation District

## York District hosts East Piedmont Area Meeting &



### Supper

On August 28, the York District hosted a Farm to Table supper for the commissioners and staff of the Conservation Districts in the ten-county East Piedmont area as well as USDA/NRCS and SC DNR officials and staffers. The meal was prepared by York District Commissioner Bennie Copeland from food donated by local South Carolina growers—see the chart at right. Entertainment with an inspirational message was provided by Chuck Boozer, radio personality from WRHI in Rock Hill. A yummy time was had by all.

Menu	Source
Meat Loaf	Beef- Senn Cattle Farm
Roast Pork with gravy	Pork—Manor Oaks Farm
Carolina Rice	Carolina Plantation Rice
Field Peas	Bush-N-Vine
Tomatoes & Okra	Copeland Garden
Watermelon	Bush-N-Vine
Sour Dough Bread	Jackson's Kitchen
Peach Cobbler & ice cream	Black's Peaches
Tea	Charleston Tea Plantation



Pictured left to right: Attendees at Farm to Table Dinner hosted by York Conservation District, York Commissioner Mark Wyndham stirring the gravy, York Commissioner and chef Bennie Copeland chopping veggies, Associate Commissioner Beth White with her watermelon creations.



## Edmunds named Commissioner Emeritus



Pictured with Ms. Edmunds is Marc Cribb, SC DNR & YSWCD Commissioners C.W. Senn & Peggy Palmer.

Evelyn Edmunds, who recently retired after serving as Commissioner of the York Soil & Water Conservation District for 18 years, has been named Commissioner Emeritus by the Land, Water & Conservation Advisory Committee of SC Department of Natural Resources. The title honors long and faithful service to the community for a Commissioner who served with exemplary character and leadership. Evelyn has been in farming since 1949, first raising turkeys with her late husband, John, and then raising Angus cattle on her 300 acre Circle E farm in Clover. She has been a leader in agriculture circles and often found herself to be the only woman at a Cattlemen's Association or Farm Bureau board meeting. The YSWCD Board congratulates Evelyn Edmunds on this honor.

## Conservation Program Protects Soil, Water, Wildlife

South Carolina farmers interested in reducing soil erosion, improving water quality and creating wildlife habitat on their land have until December 19, 2014 to apply to be considered for funding through USDA's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) for fiscal year 2015. Through this program, the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) provides financial and technical assistance to install conservation practices such as nutrient management, improvement of heavy use areas, cover crops, grassed waterways, manure management and pasture management. Last year, NRCS provided \$13 million in EQIP assistance to South Carolina Farmers. Special emphasis will be given to beginning farmers, socially disadvantaged farmers and veterans. To apply and get started on your conservation plan, contact York District NRCS Conservationist LaKeisha Barber, 803-684-3137 x 103. Go to [www.sc.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.sc.nrcs.usda.gov) for full details.



## Restore Your Pasture With No-Till Planting

It is not too late to rent a no-till drill from the Conservation District to restore fescue pastures and other cool season grasses. The District has two drills available to rent for \$9 per acre or \$100 minimum charge. Call the District today to reserve a drill and learn how beneficial no-till planting can be for your pasture's soil. Call Barbara, 803-684-3137 x101 or email [Barbara.oconnell@sc.nacdnet.net](mailto:Barbara.oconnell@sc.nacdnet.net).





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# YORK SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## EDUCATION & OUTREACH

### SCHOOL GARDEN LESSON SERIES



The District is working with first graders at Orchard Park Elementary in Fort Mill, Kinard Elementary in Clover and Hickory Grove/Sharon Elementary to conduct the 8-lesson garden series leading up to the planting of their very own vegetable garden next spring. At left, Kinard students hear a story about *Jack's Garden*.

YSWCD School Garden program made possible through grants and donations from Woman's Club of Rock Hill, Town & Country Garden Club, Fleur de Lis Garden Club and Affiliate members of the Conservation District. Thank you!

### 7th GRADERS LEARN ABOUT WATERSHEDS

District Coordinator Barbara O'Connell demonstrated the Enviroscape Watershed Model for 240 7th graders in 12 science classes at Gold Hill Middle School in September and discussed water quality issues with the students.



### ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB MAKES WORM COMPOST BINS



Members of the Environmental Club at Orchard Park Elementary in Fort Mill learned to recycle food scraps into soil compost by making worm bins as a Green Steps School project. These 4th and 5th graders will share their knowledge of worm composting with students in the lower grades.

### PLAN AHEAD FOR ARBOR DAY

Arbor Day is December 5th and a great time to get out and plant a tree. Teachers can request a free program from the Conservation District on the benefits of trees in our environment along with a seedling to take home for each student, or get help in planning a tree-planting ceremony on school grounds. To apply, teachers should submit a short essay to the Conservation District outlining their plans to incorporate Arbor Day into their lessons.



## THANK YOU TO OUR 2014 AFFILIATES

### **STEWARD OF THE LAND**

SC Department of Natural Resources

York County Council

Harper Farms/Dickie & Craig Harper

### **GUARDIAN**

Farmer's Service Center/ Lewis Hicks

Nancy Cornwell-Daves

York County Farm Bureau

Senn Cattle Farm / C.W. Senn, Jr.

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Ketchen Place Farm/ Peggy Palmer

Tumble T Bar T /Ted Bartee

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Bush-N-Vine

Fleur de Lis Garden Club

NSC USA, Inc.

Thanks to all the conservation supporters who have become affiliates for 2014— with your membership dollars, we continue to provide educational programs for area students to enhance their knowledge about our precious natural resources and encourage them to become good stewards as they grow and learn. If you do not see your name on this list, please consider becoming an affiliate !! Help us make a difference in conservation education — we can't do it without YOU! Please clip the form below and send it along with your tax deductible gift to:

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Check category:

\_\_\_\_\_ Protector (\$50-\$99)

\_\_\_\_\_ Conservationist (\$100- \$249)

\_\_\_\_\_ Guardian (\$250- \$999)

\_\_\_\_\_ Steward of the Land (\$1000 +)

## THANK YOU



## YORK SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FALL 2014



### **AFFILIATE SPOTLIGHT**

Nancy Cornwell-Daves has been a family farmer and conservation supporter all her life. Her family first settled in York County in 1853 and currently operates a cattle farm bordering the Broad River in Hickory Grove. The farm was first platted in 1752 and has a marker where the Howells Ferry once ran through it. She remembers her father involved in soil mapping in the early 1950's. Nancy is active in the Cattleman's Association and enjoys gardening, wild birds and getting involved with her grandchildren as they raise animals to show in the State Fair. She belongs to the Broad River Basin Historical Committee and works to preserve the scenic river and the abundant wildlife and waterfowl in the area. The Commissioners of the Conservation District thank her for her continued support as an affiliate of the District.

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